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The following investigation is reported by Special Agent [REDACTED]

On August 22, 1946, a spot check was made of BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL at VIRGINIA HILL's pent house, 10814 West Wilshire Boulevard, at which time it was ascertained that a black convertible Chrysler Coupe was in the garage in the rear of this apartment. Even though the license number of the automobile was covered, it is believed that this automobile belongs to SIEGEL. While the above spot check was made by Special Agents [REDACTED] and the reporting agent, an automobile with license no. Missouri 66-4520 appeared and dispatched one occupant who proceeded to the apartment and the remaining individuals were surveilled to the Knickerbocker Hotel on Ivar Street in Hollywood.

In response to request, the St. Louis Field Division advised that the above license number was registered to [REDACTED]

During the evening of August 22, 1946, Special Agent [REDACTED] observed BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL and his mistress VIRGINIA HILL at the House of Murphy, well known eating place, Fourth and LaCienega, Beverly Hills, California. SIEGEL was observed to leave the House of Murphy Cafe at approximately 10:00 P.M. in a Pontiac automobile bearing California license no. 97 S 764. SIEGEL was loosely surveilled to 816 North Kenmore [REDACTED]

The surveillance at that time had been discontinued. The Los Angeles file [REDACTED] was negative

In regard to the automobile which was driven by SIEGEL, the D.M.V. at Los Angeles reflected this automobile to be a 1941 Pontiac Coupe, registered to [REDACTED]. The Los Angeles files were checked in regard to this individual with negative results.

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On Page 65 of the referenced report of Special Agent
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] information is set forth regarding [REDACTED]

In response to a teletype to the Bureau dated August 12, 1946
for a criminal record [REDACTED] the Bureau by letter dated August 21,
1946 advised that it was not possible to locate any record in the files
of the Identification Division of the Bureau [REDACTED] on the basis
of information furnished.

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INTERVIEW WITH [REDACTED]

The following was dictated by Special Agent [REDACTED]

In a letter to the Director from Salt Lake City dated July 2, 1946 information was set out that [REDACTED]

It developed that [REDACTED] only knew SIEGEL by reputation and that he considered SIEGEL to be an outstanding racketeer, but that beyond that he was unable to furnish any information. Also, he was not familiar with the ramifications involved in the death of RAGEN, Sr. and the struggle for power between the wire syndicate and the new group coming into that picture.

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BACKGROUND ON [REDACTED]

The following was dictated by Special Agent [REDACTED]

In a letter to the Director from Salt Lake City dated July 26, 1946 information is set forth [REDACTED]

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In view of the information developed as set forth above [REDACTED] it is not felt advisable to contact him at this time concerning SIEGEL's [REDACTED]

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The following was dictated by Special Agent [REDACTED]

On August 4, 1946, [REDACTED] reported that [REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED] at which time there was a general discussion of propositions available in Las Vegas and [REDACTED] indicated he had a friend who was a lawyer in New York by the name [REDACTED] (Phonetic) who wished to place some money in a proposition. A discussion was had with regard to the new Flamingo Hotel, Las Vegas, being built by BEN SIEGEL and his associates.

[REDACTED]

A review of the information furnished by [REDACTED] reflects that on July 19, 1946, [REDACTED] was in contact with [REDACTED] who touted [REDACTED] by telephone on a horse named "Queen of May", who was entered in the last race at Empire. [REDACTED] thereafter touted this horse to BEN SIEGEL and others in Los Angeles, whom he advised to place \$1,000 to \$3,000 on the horse to win. Through this source it was learned that the horse won the race.

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The report of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated August 8, 1946 at Newark, New Jersey in the CAPGA Case reflects that during a surveillance [REDACTED]

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THE CHICAGO FIELD DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois, will furnish any information available to that office with reference to [redacted] connections with [redacted] It will be noted or any of SIEGEL's associates being connected [redacted] under the caption [redacted] on Page 40 information is set forth indicating [redacted]

THE NEW YORK CITY FIELD DIVISION

At New York City will secure the full details regarding the alleged black market operations [redacted] as it appears that a considerable portion of the funds invested in the Flamingo Hotel may have come from black market sources. b7c

It is also desired that all pertinent information in the New York files be furnished regarding [redacted] The above information was requested in a letter from the Los Angeles office to New York Field Office on August 8, 1946. b7c

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

At Los Angeles, California, this case is receiving constant attention and the daily activities of SIEGEL and his associates are being followed closely by a Special Squad at Los Angeles and Las Vegas, Nevada.

Copies of instant report are being furnished to the San Francisco and Salt Lake City Field Offices in view of the investigation presently being conducted at San Francisco and Las Vegas.

A copy is also being furnished to the St. Paul Field Division Office for its information in view of the information developed [redacted] b7c

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(The above individuals requested that their names
be kept confidential).

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT SAN FRANCISCO	DATE WHEN MADE 10/23/46	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 9/4-23, 26, 27, 30, 28, 29/46	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, WALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 11-1-96 BY 54-7000/100			CHARACTER OF CASE MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>On 9/4-7/46 subject, <u>VIRGINIA HILL</u>, [REDACTED] were in San Francisco for continuation of CPA Hearing re stop order on <u>FLAMINGO HOTEL</u>. Senator PAT McCARRAN of Nevada in San Francisco at same time to attend Federal Judicial Conference for Ninth Federal Circuit. CPA Hearing continued on 9/6/46. Subject and HILL left for Los Angeles on evening of 9/8/46. On 9/12/46 subject and associates returned to San Francisco for hearing, which was concluded on that date, when Commissioner [REDACTED] found in their favor, after [REDACTED] Architect appointed by Commissioner, gave opinion that <u>FLAMINGO HOTEL</u> project was one building. [REDACTED]</p> <p>Transcripts of testimony at CPA Hearing and copies of exhibits introduced forwarded Los Angeles.</p>			
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REFERENCE: Telephone call from Los Angeles 9/4/46. Teletype from Los Angeles 9/4/46. Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] at San Francisco, California, dated 9/28/46.			
DETAILS: Referenced telephone call on September 4, 1946 reflected subject was expected to leave Los Angeles for San Francisco on the evening of that date in order that he could be in San Francisco for the continuation of the Civilian Production Administration Hearing in connection with the <u>FLAMINGO HOTEL</u> project. It was further reflected that one [REDACTED] Washington, D.C., was arriving in San Francisco from Las Vegas, where he had [REDACTED]			
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was interviewed by the Government attorney. [redacted] reported that SINGEL had indicated that he was willing to get on [redacted] It was further indicated that [redacted] of Nevada might become interested in the case.

On September 4, 1946 [redacted] the U.S. Commissioner in the hearing of the FLAMINGO HOTEL case, was interviewed at his office [redacted] by Special Agent [redacted] and the writer.

During the interview [redacted] advised that witnesses at the hearing held August 15-16, 1946 had not been sworn, but had been warned that false testimony given by any witnesses would subject him to the penalties provided by Federal law for making false statements to Federal officials. [redacted] advised that it had not been the practice in the past to swear witnesses in these hearings and that he had done so on only one previous occasion, and at that time on the request of the Government attorney. He volunteered that he himself had thought of placing the various witnesses under oath, but since he had not done so at the time the hearing started, he felt that it might look peculiar to the Respondents if he of his own volition placed them under oath in the future.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents [redacted] on September 4, 1946: b7c

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On September 5, 1945, [redacted] and an unidentified individual were seen leaving the Furniture Mart on Market Street. They walked up Market Street a couple of blocks and got into a 1940 four-door Studebaker sedan, maroon in color, bearing California license plates # C 126. They returned to the Furniture Mart where three other individuals got in the car and they drove to the Palace Hotel. At the Palace Hotel another individual got in the car and they all drove to the Olympic Club on Skyline Boulevard. It was approximately 6:30 P.M. when they arrived at the Olympic Club.

On the evening of September 8, 1946 [redacted] remained in their room at the Whitcomb Hotel until 8:00 P.M. At this time they appeared in the lobby of the hotel and then proceeded east on the south side of Market Street to 4th and Market, walking by themselves and apparently window shopping. At 4th and Market Streets they crossed Market Street and then proceeded west on Market Street on the north side to a restaurant at 1244 Market Street, where they arrived at approximately 9:00 P.M. They entered the restaurant, ordered their dinner, and departed from the restaurant approximately one hour later. At the time they departed from the restaurant, they left by themselves and proceeded to the Whitcomb Hotel, directly across the street. [redacted] arrived at the hotel at approximately 10:10 P.M. and proceeded directly to their room, where they remained.

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The following investigation was conducted by the writer:

At approximately 7:30 P.M., September 4, 1946, subject, [REDACTED], a young woman identified as VIRGINIA HILL, and three attorneys, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] arrived in San Francisco via Western Air Lines and went immediately to the St. Francis Hotel. Inasmuch as reservations previously made by SIEGEL had been cancelled by the hotel due to late arrival, the three attorneys above mentioned were lodged in Room 754, Stewart Hotel, San Francisco, California, which hotel is located directly across Geary Street from the St. Francis Hotel. They registered there at 3:55 P.M. Miss HILL, SIEGEL, and [REDACTED] were lodged on cots in banquet rooms 214 and 217 at the St. Francis Hotel at about 10:00 P.M. that evening.

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[REDACTED] advised that at 3:30 A.M. on September 5, 1946 VIRGINIA HILL was given Suite 308 and 309 at the St. Francis Hotel. Shortly thereafter SIEGEL attempted to make arrangements for himself, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that at 10:00 A.M. SIEGEL requested that his calls be referred to Miss HILL's room until he had his own room. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

At 12:30 P.M. SIEGEL, [REDACTED] and two individuals believed to be [REDACTED] were observed coming out of the elevator [REDACTED]

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into the lobby of the St. Francis Hotel, at which time SIEGLE advised [redacted] that they would be out until about 6:30 P.M. They then left the hotel, apparently to attend the CPA Hearing which was scheduled for 1:00 P.M. at CPA Offices, 1355 Market Street, San Francisco.

At 3:30 P.M., September 5, 1946, Senator PAT McCARRAN of Nevada was observed by the writer in the lobby of the Palace Hotel, Market and New Montgomery Streets, San Francisco, California.

██████████ advised that at 5:30 P.M. on September 5, 1946 subject and his associates returned to the St. Francis Hotel and at this time SIEGLE, ██████████ registered for Suite 1133-34, and advised that a fourth individual, unnamed, might arrive later.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents [REDACTED] on September 5, 1946:

persons met in SIEGEL's suite, 1133-34, at the St. Francis Hotel at 6:00 P.M. to discuss their building plans. An unknown individual asked for \$25,000.00 for steel for the building. A Mr. JOSEENBAUM was mentioned in their argument. [redacted] was authorized to make the plans for the building. There was considerable discussion between the parties present concerning a connection between the two buildings.

The conversation then went towards who would be the best witness to put on the stand at the CPA Hearing. They wanted to choose the one who would stand up best under cross examination. An unidentified individual stated that they would have to put someone on who would show up the expert. One of the persons present suggested they put [redacted] on and another individual suggested that they put [redacted] on because "he is a nice clean guy". There was considerable opposition to this from the other parties present inasmuch as it was thought that [redacted] would be a "Holl of a witness". The discussion continued among several persons who were present concerning the hearing. b7c

Mention was made of a letter received July 1, 1946 [redacted] and read by [redacted] from Los Angeles. This letter was in relation to moneys which [redacted] thought he should receive. b7c

The discussion went toward specifications for the casino, the doors, windows, and ventilation.

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At approximately 6:50 P.M. one of the individuals left the suite and it was agreed that he would meet the other persons at 10:00 AM on September 6, 1946 in SIEGEL's suite.

At 6:50 P.M. [redacted] was mentioned in conversations and it was discussed that they hoped the hearing on September 6th would be favorable. [redacted] was also mentioned during the conversation. At 7:10 all members left to go to the Fairmont Hotel for dinner. At 9:15 P.M. apparently three persons returned to the room [redacted] b7c

At 9:30 P.M. [redacted] came into the room and entered a card game which the other three persons had started. He mentioned that he had had a very bad day and had lost \$200,000.00 in the stock market in the last three days. b7c

At 10:00 P.M. [redacted] called the switchboard operator and told her he was expecting a call to come in and wanted to make sure he would get it. During the conversation it was believed that [redacted] made the comment that he should wait for the meeting the next morning to talk with [redacted]. There was no further comment concerning him. b7c

The card game continued and at 3:10 A.M. on September 6, 1946, two of the players in the card game dropped out and went to an adjoining room. [redacted] could not give any information concerning the conversation they had. At 4:15 A.M. the card game broke up and one of the players referred to the other as [redacted] b2 b7c b7D

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents [redacted] b7c

On September 6, 1946 [redacted] furnished the following information: b2 b7D

At 9:30 A.M. a [redacted] called and made arrangements to meet subject and his associates in about one hour. Shortly afterward two men talked about slot machines, one being addressed as "BENNY" (probably BEN SIEGEL). One said he wanted to get a Constellation to Kansas City. Mention was made of the name [redacted]. Shortly after 10:00 A.M. a number of people came into the room. The name of [redacted] (ph) [redacted] was mentioned. There was general discussion concerning the contract for building arrangement for power and hot water. [redacted] said that January 4th was the date of the planning and that [redacted] came into the picture later and was not at the January 4th discussion. [redacted] said that there were no bids at that time for equipping the casino, and mention was made of a March date which was of interest to "the other side". [redacted] said that all of their equipment was to go in the basement and the plan originally was made to show the heating unit under a separate building. Someone then detailed instructions as to what another should state regarding the planning and construction, and again the name of [redacted] was mentioned. There was mention of an individual arriving one day and [redacted] having him out the next day. When the individual came back they wanted him to go to Las Vegas, which he did. b7c

There was then mentioned that the property was bought in October. An individual [redacted] said he went to Las Vegas on behalf of [redacted]. It was mentioned that [redacted] (ph) and another were to construct the hotel. The dates November 12 and November 28th were mentioned, apparently in connection with the time the property was bought. b7c

Thereafter one individual stated that what they wanted was someone to be able to say about the visual plans having been reduced to drawings. This individual said, "You were the agent of [redacted] in buying the property". An individual stated that he and [redacted] had discussed originally where to place the hotel and had made rough draft notes. b7c

In January an application (for a building (?) for \$120,000 was made in the name of the person talking [redacted]. It was mentioned that [redacted] was to have put in a quarter of a million dollars. Someone then stated that "when we wanted to file the application for that figure (apparently \$250,000) they didn't want us to file plans". "I have told them I wanted to file to get a permit. They said, 'It is a new ruling and we can't get down to Las Vegas to inspect you'. I said, 'If I can get a permit, I don't give a [redacted] whether you come down and inspect or not'." The individual talking mentioned that on March 4th he and another fellow flew to Los Angeles and discussed building plans for the back of the hotel. They mentioned having met GREENBAUM. On March 8th the individual talking and another individual again went to Los Angeles and met [redacted]. At that time a contract was signed. The name [redacted] was mentioned and the individual talking did not believe that [redacted] was qualified. One of the individuals in the room mentioned that he did not want to refute another's testimony that the project was one job rather than consolidated. Another individual said "You have to conform with Government regulations -- right? And when you inspected the job you saw it as one job -- right?". The individual to whom the question was addressed answered, "Yes". b7c

An individual (apparently a contractor) stated. "About seven days after March 26th their [redacted] came on the job. [redacted] walked all over the job and he said, 'This job is okay, all except one thing --- the swimming pool'. [redacted] talked to [redacted] on the job. From the conversation it appeared that [redacted] apparently told them to stop the swimming pool and also ordered the hotel down the road to stop." The individual speaking stated that [redacted] made his mistake when [redacted] told [redacted] that the other construction (apparently the back portion of the hotel) was by another contractor, and he should go talk to [redacted]. [redacted] did not talk to [redacted]. It was mentioned that subject and his associates had agreed not to give [redacted] any more information than necessary. b7c

An individual (possibly [redacted] of DEL WEBB COMPANY) stated, "Here's one thing I don't want you to ask me, and that is how the two buildings connect, because I don't know". An individual then stated that they began pouring concrete on April 8th and continued [redacted]. [redacted] was the only guy that talked to [redacted] and he led him around, b2

frankly, just where we wanted him to go". This individual stated that they had heard the day before that [redacted] was in Las Vegas and they had his description, so everyone knew what he looked like when he came on the job. [redacted] was designated as the only person to talk to him [redacted] told them he was going to stop the swimming pool and the building down the road." The individual continued by saying, "We got a big kick out of it when he said he was going to stop the swimming pool". It was mentioned then that the building had been relocated because of the location of a well. It was mentioned that it was important to show that these changes were made prior to March 26th. b7c

An individual mentioned that he was afraid "they" will ask for detailed plans. It was mentioned that the tower on the back was put there originally as a penthouse, so something would be visible from the highway. It was also mentioned that [redacted] originally wanted 150 rooms in the hotel, but 96 rooms was finally agreed upon. b2

There followed a discussion as to what would be told if they were questioned as to when the anchor bolts were put in the building. It was agreed that they say they "don't know exactly, but during the course of construction". They agreed that this question will probably be asked and then apparently agreed that they will give them the facts --- that it was around June when the bolts were put in.

At 12:10 PM all of the individuals left the room, and apparently went to the CPA Hearing, which was scheduled at 1:00 PM on that date.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [redacted] on September 6, 1946: b7c

[redacted] advised Agent [redacted] at 6:18 A.M. that two unknown men entered Suite 1135-34, Hotel St. Francis, and that a man, whose identity was not known to the informant, addressed [redacted] concerning a diagram. This man suggested a view looking down in order that one would be able to see the hall connections therein and get the picture of the building which was being discussed. b2 b7c b7d

This man stated that [redacted] "was not in the early stages" and wouldn't know how to coordinate the whole thing. [redacted] agreed with the observations of this man who later stated that a thing which would convince the architect are the utilities. The two discussed governmental regulations pertaining to buildings. b2

At this point the informant stated that a number of other men entered the room and that a man named [REDACTED] b7c

At this point the informant said that the group entered into a lively discussion as to the hearing before Commissioner [REDACTED] and an unknown man, undoubtedly an attorney, was discussing the possibility of the Commissioner entering the argument of an estoppel. He stated that the point is that the government permitted construction on the building in question on April 29 and that weeks or months later the government had said "No", that work must cease. b7c

[REDACTED] remarked to the group that they were not going to complete any buildings if there are going to be criminal indictments. They then discussed the consequences of willful disobedience of a government stay order against construction. b7c

Informant said that BEN (BENJAMIN SIEGEL) then told the group "they are going to indict us now so what's the difference".

[REDACTED] remarked in answer to BEN. "I am a business man. [REDACTED] There is not enough money in Vegas or in all the hotels in Vegas for me to go to court on an indictment. I have it on the very best authority that [REDACTED] decided that if the case went a certain way it would be referred for criminal action." [REDACTED] noted that there must be "prompting" if [REDACTED] had put the witnesses under oath at the second hearing. b7c

An unknown man then advised that there had been an outside investigation and that he was of the opinion that continuing the present course of conduct, that is, seeking to obtain permission from the governmental authority for the continued construction of the building was the best defense to any subsequent criminal action as it would show an endeavor to abide by governmental rules.

Informant said that BEN then discussed a deal that he had had with GEORGE RAFT and a third person and told of a race track that had been rebuilt despite the prohibitions against such construction.

An unknown man who was present remarked that he was of the opinion that Commissioner [REDACTED] had had brought to his attention certain articles by WALTER WINCHELL and DREW PEARSON. He then remarked that prior to the time that the FBI went to see [REDACTED] he was favorably disposed to their position and that he was the same after the FBI went to see him. b7c

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BEN then remarked, according to the informant, that the FBI will "approach the Federal Judge and tell him what to do in the event the case is brought to Federal Court in Reno". He also added, "I'd like to see it."

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED] on September 6, 1946: b7c

[REDACTED] advised that an unknown man at this time stated that "for some reason [REDACTED] doesn't want the complete plans for the new hotel brought in before the Commissioner". A discussion was then held as to what type of drawings should be submitted to the Commissioner and it was the apparent belief of all present that the Commissioner intended to submit the question as to whether the building consisted of one or two separate edifices to a competent architect. It was stated [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] should be the person to testify in this matter and several present spoke very highly of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED] on September 6, 1946: b7c

At 9:00 P.M. on September 6, 1946, [REDACTED] was observed at the San Francisco Airport with [REDACTED] Shortly thereafter agents also observed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] entered the Airport.

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Also noted in the waiting room of the San Francisco Airport on this date was [redacted] who had testified at the CPA Hearing. It was noted that shortly after [redacted] appeared at the Airport he and [redacted] appeared to meet casually and talk for approximately fifteen minutes. The nature of the conversation between them was unknown to agents but upon one occasion [redacted] was heard to say something regarding "two FBI Agents". b7c

Following their conversation [redacted] was observed going to the Western Union Telegraph office at the Airport where he dispatched a wire. [redacted] b2 b7c

[redacted] remained at the Airport until 10:50 P.M., at which time they all boarded Western Air Line Flight #335 departing for Los Angeles. It is noted that although this flight was scheduled to leave at 9:30, it was late and did not leave until 10:50. b7c

The following investigation was conducted by the writer:

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By letter dated September 13, 1946 the New York Field Division furnished the following information [redacted] b7c

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[REDACTED] b1
[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] were leaving for Portland, Oregon via United Airlines to arrive there at 9:30 A.M. on September 7, 1946. They expected to stay at the Congress Hotel, Portland, and to contact one [REDACTED] apparently in connection with other construction business.

[REDACTED] advised that at 6:00 P.M. on September 6, 1946 [REDACTED] had contacted [REDACTED] in Room 8119 of the Palace Hotel and talked about the CPA Hearing. It was mentioned that the Hearing was postponed to get the opinion of a non-interested architect whose name was to be withheld until the day of the trial. There was also mention of a general investigation of "the accounts here and in Los Angeles". Shortly after there was a call to Room 8119 for [REDACTED] to check with BEN SIEGEL at the St. Francis Hotel. Informant advised that there were no other pertinent contacts made with [REDACTED] at the Palace Hotel on September 5 or 6, 1946. b2 b7C b7D

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED] and the writer: b2 b7C

At approximately 9:15 P.M. September 7, 1946 subject and VIRGINIA HILL were observed standing in the lobby of the San Francisco Airport talking to a woman identified as [REDACTED] Shortly after 9:30 P.M. subject and Miss HILL were accompanied to Western Airlines Plane Flight 335 [REDACTED] at which time SIEGEL and HILL were observed to board the plane for Los Angeles. b7C
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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It was observed by the writer that Miss HILL did not appear with subject or his associates from the evening of her arrival on September 4, 1946 until she and subject departed from San Francisco on September 7, 1946. [REDACTED] advised that she had apparently kept rather close to her room.

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It is noted that it was reported by a local columnist in the San Francisco Chronicle that "some of Detroit's Purple Gang have been run out of Nevada and are now causing the SFPD worries".

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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There was no indication that those individuals were connected in any way with subject or his associates during their stay in San Francisco, however.

On September 6, 1946

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and it is probable that his partner [REDACTED] was at that time in the suite of SIEGEL and his associates.

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On September 9, 1946 [REDACTED] 1355 Market Street, was interviewed at his office regarding results of the Hearing regarding the FLAMINGO HOTEL held on September 5 and 6, 1946. At this time he supplied names of witnesses who testified and a brief resume of their testimony during that session of the Hearing, all of which more completely appears in the transcripts of the Hearing, copies of which have been secured and have been forwarded to the Los Angeles Field Division.

[REDACTED] advised that SIEGEL, [REDACTED] were also present at the Hearing but did not testify, though they were quite active in the background. He stated that he had just been advised by Commissioner [REDACTED] that the continuance of the Hearing had been set for 1:00 P.M., Thursday, September 12, 1946. Respondents had indicated that [REDACTED] would be present at that Hearing with detailed plans of shops which would be supplied to an independent architect which Commissioner [REDACTED] had indicated would be appointed, to decide the technical question of whether or not there were more than one building embraced in the FLAMINGO HOTEL PROJECT. The Commissioner had advised the parties that the identity of this individual would not be revealed until the day of the Hearing.

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[redacted] stated that Commissioner [redacted] had stated that he would reach a decision on the FLAMINGO CASE at the conclusion of the Hearing to be held on September 12, 1946. He felt that the Commissioner might hold for subject and his associates, inasmuch as he had allowed into evidence so much extraneous evidence, such as the large sum of money which respondents had expended since [redacted] O.K. that the issue had been confused in the Commissioner's mind. [redacted] stated that he knew of no particular pressure having been brought at any time in this case on CPA officials. At this point, however, he volunteered that Senator PAT McCARRAN of Nevada was in San Francisco during the time of the first Hearing and wanted to come to the Hearing, but that [redacted] had refused to allow McCARRAN to do so. [redacted] stated that he had also noted from a local newspaper account that Senator McCARRAN was in San Francisco on September 5 and 6, 1946 to give a speech before a conference of Federal, Circuit and District Judges. So far as he knew, however, McCARRAN had not contacted any CPA officials on this case. b2c

By teletype dated September 11, 1946 the Los Angeles Field Division advised that [redacted] had made reservations for six persons on the Western Airlines leaving Los Angeles at 7:00 A.M. September 12, 1946, for San Francisco. b2c

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents [redacted] and the writer: b2c

At 8:55 AM, September 12, 1946 subject arrived at Mills Field, South San Francisco, California, via Western Air Lines, accompanied by [REDACTED] b7c

These individuals all proceeded to San Francisco by taxi cab, arriving at the St. Francis Hotel at 9:45 AM. Subject checked into Room 401. Shortly thereafter [REDACTED] secured a room at the Hotel Stewart.

[REDACTED] furnished the following information: b2 b7D

At 10:30 AM, the following were present in subject's room at the St. Francis Hotel. Subject, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] pointed out to the others that it was the contention of the Government that the hotel is in reality composed of three separate buildings, the back, front, and center. All present thereupon apparently began to examine the plans of the hotel and one of the architects, believed to be [REDACTED] pointed out that the foundations of the buildings will co-join. He indicated that the door of the one building was located at one point; immediately adjacent thereto was located an arch from this section of the building to an adjoining section, the wall continuing to an open passage which is roofed. To [REDACTED] question as to whether there was any connection from this wall of the building, [REDACTED] answered in the affirmative. To this [REDACTED] declared "that makes the connection--that's important--that hasn't been brought up as yet". At this point an unidentified individual, possibly subject, stated "tell them that this building, right here and right here (apparently referring to map), are joined". One of the architects, believed to be [REDACTED] pointed out that it is "required engineering" to have a slip-joint but no physical connection. He then pointed out that "we have maintained a 15 foot passage through here. This lattice construction is joined with concrete. This point here where the roof comes down is an ordinary engineering factor. Instead of leaving dowels here we'll co-join it". He then (apparently discussing a feature of the plans), stated that this is a necessity requiring this as an integral part of the whole structure--even if you did not put up buildings you would have to build a wall. They then discussed the building of a shield wall or wind break making the hotel property an enclosed area marking it off from the desert. b7c

Following this the architectural features of several hotels, including the Desert Inn at Palm Springs, and the El Rancho were discussed generally. One of the persons present asked [REDACTED] as to whether there was a connection by a foundation and an archway over the door, establishing that this was one continuous structure--sort of an arcade. [REDACTED] replied that there were lateral wall connections. One of the attorneys, b7c

believed to be [redacted] stated "the commissioner may ask if this was discussed with your attorneys [redacted] etc. Tell them yes. He's in there to find out whether you are telling the truth or not". Following this one of the attorneys put the following question to [redacted] "Under the act, [redacted] although designated as one continuous building in effect they could not separate so far as their services are concerned. The important thing in the last two hearings are the physical characters which are as follows: The door, arch, footing connections, and roof tiein. This is the important thing". One of the men then broke in, stating "He's going to ask why there is one arch here and a different arch here. So far as you are concerned you would have designated it as one building. All this was conceived before March 26 and if we had known we had any rules to evade we would have done so." [redacted] then stated "I told [redacted] just because we knew him we have had all this trouble". [redacted] was apparently referring to the situation under which they had more than one construction company. It is believed that [redacted] referred to [redacted] is from Las Vegas, Nevada. [redacted] then mentioned "Just because [redacted] was in Phoenix we brought in [redacted] then declared, "Both from the standpoint of the doors, the stone on around, the roof was going to be one, the paint was going to be one. They were always in contact although the arch was not the same". They then discussed the necessity of having a retaining wall in order to prevent the soil from washing away and endangering the foundation of the building. [redacted] then began quoting from the language of the act and pointed out that the amendment of July 2 is very important. He also mentioned that the order does not apply to any work done prior to March 26, 1946 and any work which was being done and carried on during and after that date. b7

[redacted] remarked that Plot Plan A dated July 12, 1946, was a plan which provided for 60 rooms. Plan of February 22 provided for 100 rooms which would give an additional 1500 square feet of space than that shown on the plan of January 12. b7

At 11:45 a telephone call was placed [redacted] evidently to some individual regarding the hearing. He asked this individual whether Commissioner [redacted] wanted to see them at 12:45 that date. He requested [redacted] be called to the phone but evidently was told that [redacted] was not there as yet and he consequently asked to talk to [redacted] He told [redacted] that he had just arrived in San Francisco and he understood that Commissioner [redacted] wanted to talk to the architects immediately. He requested that [redacted] notify him at Douglas 1000, Extension 401. This number is noted as the telephone number for the Hotel St. Francis, b7

Following this call a general conversation took place regarding the stock market. Subject SIEGEL was interested in Trans-America stock, remarking that he wanted to see whether he had been right or wrong about this stock. A telephone call was thereupon placed to Bayview 3623 but evidently no one answered the phone.

[redacted] then told the group that he had contacted [redacted] and that [redacted] was going to call him back. [redacted] remarked that he and [redacted] had a room at the Stewart Hotel. [redacted] stated that the Commissioner (CPA) desired to speak to the architects immediately. [redacted] thereupon stated that he and [redacted] would go to the hotel immediately. (Apparently the Whitcomb Hotel where the hearing was being held.) [redacted] thereupon left at about 12:15 PM. Shortly after their departure SIEGEL called EXbrook-7211 and asked for one of the Custom's men. He asked that individual about closing prices and volume. Following this conversation he remarked to the group that the stock had fallen 42 points. b7c

A conversation was subsequently heard between [redacted] and [redacted] regarding the statute. [redacted] maintained that it was a matter of interpretation rather than retroactiveness. [redacted] asked him regarding estoppel. [redacted] stated that an estoppel could be used by him (Commissioner) to make up his mind whether or not it was one continuous building. SIEGEL asked the question as to how much the Commissioner received for sitting at hearings. [redacted] told him approximately \$25.00 per day. SIEGEL then remarked "Why don't we pay him \$100.00 and have him work for us", but this latter statement was apparently made in a tone of levity. SIEGEL continued, stating that [redacted] seemed to be alright and that he was an "alright guy"; that he couldn't help it if the investigators didn't give him all the information. b7c

At 12:30 P.M., September 12, 1946, all individuals in Room 401 left with the intention of proceeding to the Whitcomb Hotel where the CPA Hearing was to be conducted.

At 12:35 P.M., SIEGEL and the others proceeded to the Hotel Whitcomb via Red and White Cab 177, and arrived at the hotel at 12:40 P.M. The party was met in the lobby by [redacted] and all thereupon proceeded to the mezzanine floor of the hotel where the CPA hearing was due to be held at 1:00 P.M. [redacted] b2 b7c b7d

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Between 1:00 P.M. and 1:50 P.M., the following individuals were observed moving about the mezzanine floor while waiting for the CPA meeting to begin in the California Room: BEN SIEGEL, [REDACTED]

It is also believed that [REDACTED]

was present, [REDACTED] b7c

The CPA Hearing went on from approximately 1:50 P.M. until 8:25 P.M., with occasional breaks of a few minutes, at which time the foregoing individuals were noted moving about the mezzanine floor. At 8:25 P.M. the meeting was adjourned and SIEGEL, [REDACTED] left the hotel in one cab, followed by [REDACTED] in another. As these cabs were leaving the hotel [REDACTED] emerged and took a third cab to the St. Francis Hotel, where he proceeded to Room 401 alone. SIEGEL and the others proceeded to Mills Field, South San Francisco, where they met for a short time in the Grill Room. While awaiting the plane [REDACTED] was overheard talking to SIEGEL to the following effect: "The trouble with [REDACTED] is he never does anything -- when he doesn't write it down he can't remember it, and he never writes anything down." SIEGEL carried a large parcel, believed to be the plans of the hotel, and both he, [REDACTED] stood around the airport waiting room for several minutes, apparently in excellent spirits. [REDACTED] sat apart from the group and did not take any part in the discussion. At 10:00 P.M. all six departed on the Western Air Lines Flight 335 which was due at Los Angeles at midnight. [REDACTED] b7c b7d

It is noted that because of the length of the Hearing on September 12, 1946 subject and his associates had some difficulty in setting an exact time to leave San Francisco via Western Air Lines.

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On September 13, 1946 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] 1355 Market Street, San Francisco, California, was interviewed by Special Agent [REDACTED] and the writer, during which interview [REDACTED] was present from time to time. At this time, [REDACTED] furnished the names of the attorneys and witnesses present at the Hearing on September 12, 1946, which he advised was held at the Whitcomb Hotel, 1231 Market Street, San Francisco, California, which had been the practice in the past when Hearing Rooms in the CPA Offices at 1355 Market Street were occupied. He also furnished a brief resume of the testimony and findings at that Hearing. Results of the interview were furnished to the Los Angeles Field Division by teletype and, inasmuch as the information more fully appears in transcripts of the Hearing, copies of which have been furnished the Los Angeles Field Division, the details are not being set out herein. [REDACTED] also advised that at about noon on September 12, 1946 [REDACTED] who had been appointed [REDACTED] for independent expert advice as to whether or not the FLEMING HOTEL embraced one or more buildings, had reviewed the plans and photographs which were in evidence at the CPA Offices, 1355 Market Street, with Commissioner [REDACTED]

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[redacted] stated that to his surprise at about 12:30 P.M., [redacted] for subject and his associates, was called to the CPA Office from the place of hearing at the Whitecomb Hotel to confer with [redacted] stated that he had had an agreement to have the Government Architect, [redacted] present, in the event [redacted] conferred [redacted] but that [redacted] had neglected to notify him of the meeting at 12:30 P.M. and he did not know about it until approximately 1:45 P.M., when [redacted] returned to the Whitecomb Hotel and the Hearing started. [redacted] stated that he also learned that [redacted] [redacted] had known each other personally for a number of years. After rendered his opinion that the project consisted only of one building, accepted that opinion and found for subject and his associates. [redacted] b7x stated that [redacted] in his oral findings remarked that Exhibit 4, the Plan dated March 22, 1946, appeared to most closely represent what was in the process of construction on March 26, 1946, but found that there was no mis-representation made by Respondents, though [redacted] stated that it had been pointed out in the Hearing that [redacted] had shown [redacted] of the Reno CPA Office, Exhibit 6-A, the Plan dated January 12, 1946, as representing the building being constructed as of March 26, 1946. [redacted] stated that during this session, as well as during previous sessions of the Hearing, [redacted] continually made off-the-record remarks that Respondents had spent over two million dollars to date on the building and were spending \$100,000 a week. [redacted] stated that at the conclusion of the Hearing, which ran well into the evening of September 12, 1946, Commissioner [redacted] appeared to be exhausted, almost to the point of collapse.

During the interview [redacted] volunteered that he thought [redacted] must have an interest in the FLAMINGO HOTEL, since [redacted] one of subject's attorneys, and [redacted] in San Francisco, stated he had originally been contacted for this case. [redacted] also volunteered that at one time during the Hearing STEGEL possibly facetiously remarked that he was taking over CAL-NEVADA the Tahoe gambling resort [redacted] and that [redacted] was going to operate the FLAMINGO HOTEL for him and his associates. [redacted] b2 b7c b7d

Copies of the transcript of the entire Hearing on the FLAMINGO HOTEL CASE were secured from [redacted] and photostatic copies of pertinent Exhibits introduced during the Hearing were made and were forwarded to the Los Angeles Field Division. b7c

On September 20, 1946 [REDACTED] b7c
[REDACTED] CPA Commissioner in the FLAMINGO HOTEL CASE,
was interviewed by Special Agent [REDACTED] and the writer:

At this time [REDACTED] stated that in his mind there
had been three material issues involved in the case:

- (1). Whether in the beginning the project embraced
solely a Casino or a unit consisting of a Casino,
hotel and shops;

He stated that he found that the Project, prior to March
26, 1946, embraced the casino, hotel and shops as a unit.
In giving a basis for this finding, he stated that the
most material evidence to his mind was [REDACTED] testimony, b7c
that in January 1946 he had made arrangements for utilities,
sewage disposal, and telephones for the whole unit, and not
just the casino, upon which he was at that time engaged
in constructing. [REDACTED] further stated that the various
plans, as well as the construction itself, prior to March
26, 1946, showed that a casino, hotel and shops were embraced
in the project from the start, or at least prior to
March 26, 1946.

- (2). Whether there was one building or more than one
building in the project;

He said that he found that there was one building.
He stated that on this point he had requested the Secretary
of the local office of the American Institute of Architects
to select a disinterested architect. He stated that the
architect selected was [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] acquainted [REDACTED] with his problem and [REDACTED] after b7c
going over the plans and photographs in evidence, after
hearing testimony at previous sessions of instant hearing
read, and after hearing six hours' testimony on September
12, 1946, gave his opinion that the project was one building.
[REDACTED] stated that he made his finding on this question on
the basis [REDACTED] opinion, and could not recall any testi-
mony of witnesses that particularly influenced his decision
in this regard. He stated that while Respondents admitted
that construction on the hotel, part of the hotel was not
started until April, 1946, he felt that the project was
one building and that the time of starting construction
on one part of that building or project was not material.

- (5). Whether the building was of the same size and kind as that under construction on March 26, 1946;

[redacted] stated that he himself had injected this question into the case and that nothing had been introduced on this point at the time of the first hearing. It subsequently developed that there were two changes, one as to material used and one as to the size. He stated that at the outset the construction was to be of lattice steel and was later changed to reinforced concrete. The Commissioner felt, however, that this was a change from a more critical to a less critical material, and should not prejudice the Respondents. He stated that in regard to size, the building actually being constructed was determined to be some 7,000 square feet less than that shown on the plot plan of January 12, 1946. He felt that this change also resulted in a conservation of materials and thus was not in violation of any CPA order. He stated that he had ruled that the plot plan dated March 22, 1946 introduced into evidence as Exhibit 4 was the "definitive document as to size, and construction was in close conformity to this plan". He stated that while there was testimony by [redacted] and other witnesses for the Respondents at the first hearing that the plan of January 12 was the basic plan, he felt there was no material difference between the two plans which would influence his decision, the chief difference, he felt, being that the March 22, 1946 plan was smaller in size. b7c

The Commissioner felt that there was no evidence of misrepresentation and stated that none had been offered by the Government. He stated that [redacted] did not testify and he thought [redacted] representation that only one building was being built was merely a conclusion. He stated that he felt that the Respondent's testimony at the first hearing, that tunnels continued under the entire "horseshoe" was also only the conclusion of the witnesses, and their idea of the tunnel, which they had gained from having talked to the architects, and did not feel that they were materially mis-stating the facts. He stated that he "tossed the tunnels out" in making his decision, giving testimony regarding the tunnel's weight only in connection with other evidence showing a physical connection between the buildings. He felt that the really material witnesses in the case were the architects who testified, [redacted] and the CPA Investigators. He felt that the Government had not sustained the burden of proof that the buildings were separate. He thought that the b7c

Respondents had misconceived their case and had brought their plans in piecemeal, thus confusing the issue. He stated that if they had brought all their plans in at the first hearing so that he could see them as he did upon the conclusion of the hearing, that the entire project of the casino, hotel and shops was conceived and started prior to March 26, 1946, he would have ruled in favor of the Respondents at the time of the first hearing. He stated that the Respondents apparently thought that they had to show the basic plan of January 12, 1946 in order to prove that they were engaged on a project embracing the casino, hotel and shops from the beginning, rather than from sometime in March.

It was noted that the Commissioner was unable to point out the testimony on which he had based his findings and it was apparent that he considered the chief issue as to whether or not there was one or more than one building. It was further apparent that on this point he had delegated the decision to [redacted] the architect whom he had appointed to give him independent technical advice. From the interview it was obvious that he gave chief weight from the testimony of individuals regarded by him as being independent, mainly [redacted] the architect appointed by him, and [redacted] subject and associates, who was called to testify [redacted] himself. [redacted] apparently felt that, under the CPA Regulations, a group of practically independent buildings could constitute one building, since he gave as an example of one building that group of buildings known as Rockefeller Center in New York City. b7c

██████████ stated that he had not been approached by anyone during the entire hearing and stated that he had purposely given his decision immediately on the conclusion of the last day's testimony rather than to reserve it, since he felt that if anyone were going to approach him they would do so during the time he had reserved his opinion.

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Will determine the identity and brief personal history of the following individuals:

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Two copies of this report are being furnished to the Chicago Field Division inasmuch as investigation concerning several of the individuals mentioned herein is being carried on by that Field Division.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO Mr. E. A. *DA*

DATE: November 15, 1946

FROM R. A. Rosen

Call: 3:10 P.M.

SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
CRIME SURVEY

Special Agent [redacted] of the Salt Lake City Division telephonically advised that they had received a teletype from the Los Angeles Office requesting that steps be taken to install a technical on the rooms of Siegel and Virginia Hill at the Last Frontier Hotel. *b7c*

[redacted] advised that [redacted] and they would use the same symbol numbers, namely [redacted] but [redacted] pointed out that the Resident Agents and most of the Agents working out of the Salt Lake City Office are very well known in that vicinity. [redacted] and it would be continued as long as it produced results. [redacted] assured that it could be installed with complete security. This tech would be used in connection with the Crime Survey Program. *b2
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I told [redacted] that I would check on this request and advise him. I also told him not to take any action in this matter until he heard from the Bureau. *b7c*

RECOMMENDATION: I cannot see that the expenditure and time needed to cover this technical is justified. A wire is attached, if you approve, advising Los Angeles that the technical has not been authorized. *||*

AR [redacted] *b7c*

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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62-81518-298, SALT LAKE CITY 111111
URGENT 11/15/46 11:11 AM
CRIME SURVEIL. RE YOUR CALL BUREAU. TECHNICAL INSTALLATION
NOT ANTICIPATED. ARRANGE COVERAGE OF ACTIVITIES THROUGH
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DIRECTOR, CONFIDENTIAL ATTENTION MR. EUGEN ROUTINE

BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, MISC., CRIME SURVEY, INFO CONCERNING

SIEGEL AND VIRGINIA HILL NOW

ESTABLISHING PERMANENT HOME AT EAST FRONTIER HOTEL, LAS VEGAS.

[REDACTED]

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES
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[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED] TRANS-AMERICA
WIRE SERVICE IS HAVING DIFFICULTIES FURNISHING GOOD SERVICE IN
THIS AREA AND JACK DRAGNA HAS ASKED [REDACTED] CHICAGO,
TO SEND OUT SPECIALISTS TO HELP GET THE SERVICE FUNCTIONING BETTER.
DRAGNA CLAIMS TO HAVE FIXED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IN CONNECTION WITH THIS WIRE SERVICE.
DRAGNA HAS BEEN IN CONTACT LAST TWO DAYS WITH FOUR MEN WHO
HAVE JUST ARRIVED IN TOWN. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

PURPOSE OF CONTACT NOT YET DETERMINED.

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Field Division advised that he urged that the Bureau re-consider authorizing a team of the following: Mr. Siegel and Virginia Hill at the East Frontier Hotel, Vegas, Nevada. He stated that he felt that since Siegel intended to make his permanent residence at this hotel and because of the fact that information had been recently developed indicating that Virginia Hill _____

_____ he considered that in all probability information might be developed over the tech which would be of assistance in establishing a criminal violation against Siegel or at least information would be developed which would be extremely helpful in connection with the Crime Survey. He stated that he definitely felt that a technical would be most helpful and urgently requested reconsideration.

ACTION TAKEN

A memorandum is being prepared summarizing the information and recommending the installation of the _____ technical.

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**United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation**

Los Angeles 13, California

November 7, 1946



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. 62-2837

**RECOMMENDATION FOR INSTALLATION OF TECHNICAL
OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE**

RE: Title BENJAMIN "BIGSY" SIGEL

Character of Case MISCELLANEOUS

Field Office LOS ANGELES

Symbol Number [REDACTED]

Type of Surveillance (Technical or
Microphone) Technical

1. Name and address of subject: [REDACTED]

2. Location of technical operation: Same

3. Other technical surveillances on same subject:

[REDACTED] installed July 15, 1946 and discontinued October 17, 1946

4. Cost and manpower involved:
No extra personnel needed.

5. Adequacy of security: To come in to regular office plant.

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6. Type of case involved: Crime Survey and Racketeering Information - BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL, Information Concerning.

7. Connection or status of subject in the case: [REDACTED] BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL's lieutenant in Los Angeles. He handles SIEGEL's affairs in the latter's absence and is of primary importance in the CAPGA Case. b7c

8. Specific information being sought: Information regarding activities of BENJAMIN "BUGSY" SIEGEL and information of interest in Crime Survey and Racketeering investigations.

9. Reasons for believing the specific information will be obtained by the technical surveillance: When previously installed this surveillance proved of great value in getting information regarding SIEGEL and his activities. Also, [REDACTED] prominent in the local underworld and of interest in the Crime Survey. b7c

10. Importance of case and subject: Case currently being operated as a Special and [REDACTED] is the closest person to BENJAMIN SIEGEL locally. b7c

11. Possibilities of obtaining desired information by other means (Explain in detail): Direct inquiries not being made at present and a technical at this point is of extreme importance. These subjects are alert to physical surveillances and a technical has proven of great help in furnishing investigative leads.

12. Risks of detection involved: None.

13. Probable length of technical surveillance: Thirty days.

14. Request made for technical surveillance by any outside agency (name specific official, title and agency): No.

15. Remarks: Bureau is requested to teletype authority to install this technical. A survey is now being made regarding the possible installation of a microphone surveillance also, as JACK DRAGNA, Subject SIEGEL, [REDACTED] recently met in [REDACTED] apartment. Bureau will receive a subsequent request for this microphone surveillance, but the technical will be of great help in getting security for the microphone installation. b7c

16. Recommendation of Assistant Director: It is recommended that authority be granted to re-install the technical [REDACTED] This technical had previously been approved by the Attorney General and therefore additional authority is not necessary. It is recommended that the attached teletype be dispatched to the Los Angeles Field Division. R b7c

17. Recommendation of Assistants to the Director:

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1. ADMISSION "WAVE" EXAM, MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING, CRIME
 2. CONVICT, APPLICANTS GRANTED FOR REINSTALLATION TECHNICAL SUBSTITUTION

OUTLET TYPE AND DATE OF REINSTALLATION, SYMBOL NUMBER,
TELEPHONE NUMBER AND PLANT LOCATION.

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[redacted] Salt Lake City, communicated with the Bureau telephonically at this time regarding the personnel to be assigned to handle the technical which has been authorized on Siegel and Virginia Hill. [redacted] stated that Mr. Newman was out of the office today and he had asked [redacted] to call and advise the Bureau that it would not be advisable due to security reasons to have Agents from the Salt Lake City office assigned to this technical. Las Vegas is small and the Agents from Salt Lake City are known in that vicinity. [redacted] said also that it would probably take a couple of days to get the technical installed.

ACTION TAKEN: [redacted] was advised that SAC Hood at Los Angeles should be contacted inasmuch as he indicated he would make several Agents available to the Salt Lake City Division to handle this technical. It was also pointed out that this technical was only to be installed for a trial period and that it would not be advisable to transfer anyone from another Division permanently. [redacted] was requested to send a teletype to the Bureau, setting out the arrangements between Los Angeles and Salt Lake City in connection with the personnel to be assigned, for Bureau approval.

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Transmit the following message to:

BENJAMIN HENRY KIRKEL, MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING, BIRTH DATE, ADDRESS, CURRENT AND PREVIOUS RESIDENCES, EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, AND VIRGINIA HILL, 1200 PROMISE HOTEL, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA. BIRTH TIME AND DATE OF REINTEGRATION, BIRTH NUMBER, TELEPHONE NUMBER AND PLANT LOCATION.

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cc: Los Angeles (by regular mail)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. E. A. TAMM
FROM : A. Rosen *aj*
SUBJECT: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
CRIME SURVEY

DATE: November 18, 1946

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PURPOSE

To advise that Benjamin Siegel and Virginia Hill are establishing permanent residence at the Last Frontier Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, and that SAC Hood strongly recommends reinstallation of a technical surveillance.

BACKGROUND

By memorandum dated November 15th, I advised you that I received a telephone call from Special Agent [redacted] of the Salt Lake City Division requesting a technical on the rooms of Siegel and Virginia Hill at the Last Frontier Hotel. At that time it was recommended that the technical not be authorized and, as a result, the Salt Lake City and Los Angeles Divisions were advised by teletype that the technical installation was not authorized.

Subsequent to the above, Special Agent in Charge Hood telephonically requested that the Bureau re-consider authorizing a technical on the residence of "Bugs" Siegel and Virginia Hill. Mr. Hood pointed out that since Siegel and Hill intend to reside at the Last Frontier Hotel permanently, and because of the fact that information has recently been received indicating that Virginia Hill [redacted] he considered that in all probability information may be developed through the technical which may result in establishing a criminal violation over which the Bureau has jurisdiction.

Mr. Hood further pointed out that in the event personnel was not available by the Salt Lake City Division that he would recommend personnel from the Los Angeles Division to cover the technical at Las Vegas. Mr. Hood pointed out that this source would furnish a great deal of information in connection with the Crime Survey, both in the Los Angeles and Salt Lake City Divisions.

The Los Angeles office has advised that [redacted]

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Mr. E. A. Tamm

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Relative to the source of her funds, it should be mentioned that the Los Angeles office previously advised on numerous occasions that Siegel was very curious as to where Hill received her money. It was reported that Siegel became very mad when Hill refused to relate her source of income.

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RECOMMENDATION

In view of the urgent request of SAC Hood, it is recommended that the technical on Siegel and Virginia Hill be reinstalled. Blanket authority had been previously granted on Siegel by the Attorney General. Previous authority had likewise been granted on Virginia Hill. In all probability Siegel and Hill will occupy the same quarters at this hotel and therefore an additional request of the Attorney General for the installation of a technical is not necessary.

ACTION TAKEN

That the attached teletype to the Salt Lake City office authorizing the technical on "Bugs" Siegel and Virginia Hill be dispatched.

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DIRECTOR ROUTINE

BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, WAS, MISC., INFO CONCERNING, CRIME SURVEY.

UNLESS BUREAU ADVISES TO CONTRARY SPECIAL AGENTS [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] WILL BE SENT TO LAS VEGAS IN CONN-
ECTION WITH TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCE THERE. SALT LAKE CITY WILL
ADVISE IF THESE MEN ARE NEEDED PRIOR TO THE EVENING OF NOV.
TWENTYEIGHT NEXT. SIEGEL IS IN LOS ANGELES HAVING ARRIVED FRIDAY
NIGHT. HAS MET WITH [REDACTED] INDICATIONS ARE

[REDACTED] LIQUIDATING HIS HOLDINGS HERE AND SIEGEL BUYING HIS
LIQUOR STOCK. SIEGEL MAY BE HERE THROUGH TUESDAY TWENTYSIX. 66-81518-297

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Mr. Nease

Note the attached telegram from Salt Lake City
indicating information concerning various murders allegedly
perpetrated by Bugs Siegel. Unless you have some other views,
the Field Offices will be instructed to turn all of this information
over to the local authorities except where such action would
embarrass a Bureau informant or source.

Respectfully,

Edw. A. Tamm

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Mr. Rosen

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Transmit the following message to:

SAC SALT LAKE CITY

REMISSIVE NOTE FROM WFOVTE SURREL, MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION, CRIME SURVEIL.

RECENT NOVEMBER TWENTYONE LAST CONCERNING INFORMATION RECEIVED [REDACTED]

IT IS DESIRED THAT THIS INFORMATION AND ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN POSSESSION
YOUR OFFICE CONCERNING THESE ALLEGATIONS BE FURNISHED INTERESTED LOCAL
AUTHORITIES THROUGH APPROPRIATE FIELD DIVISIONS EXCEPT WHERE SUCH INFORMATION
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Transmit the following message to: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY

SAC, SALT LAKE CITY
SAC, LOS ANGELES
SAC, NEW YORK

REURTEL NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR LAST, MIDWINTER INFORMATION CONCERNING,
GILLES SURVEIL. RE SALT LAKE TWENTYFIVE NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR LAST REQUESTING
ADVISE AS TO ADVISABILITY OF INTERVIEWING [REDACTED] REGARDING ACTIVITIES OF
SIBREL IN CONNECTION WITH MURDER OF HARRY HINES. YOUR ATTENTION DIRECTED
TO BUREAU OF NOVEMBER TWENTYFIVE LAST TO SALT LAKE IN THIS MATTER WHICH
INSTRUCTS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE REURTEL NOVEMBER TWENTYFOUR LAST CONCERNING
INFORMATION RECEIVED [REDACTED]

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AND ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN POSSESSION YOUR OFFICE CONCERNING THESE
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Reference is made to your letter of August 6, 1946.

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BENJAMIN SUGS SIEGEL, MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING, DRIME SURVEY. TM SURVEILLANCE INSTALLED IN SUBJECT'S ROOM 412, WHICH IS EXTENSION 412 ON TELEPHONE NUMBER 1800, HOTEL LAST FRONTIER, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA AND IN OPERATION 7-30 PM

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REACTIVATION OF THE CAPONE CASE
BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, with aliases
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING
CRIME SURVEY

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In connection with the investigation in these cases it has been necessary to conduct physical surveillances of the principal subjects, particularly Frank Costello. However, the various communications emanating in your Division have reported that these surveillances have been spot checks which would indicate a loose coverage in the interest of discretion and economy.

Notwithstanding the information contained in your communications relating to the surveillances, a report has recently reached the Bureau which indicates that the surveillances have been so regular and close that the principal subjects have become aware of the Bureau's interest in them.

In view of these circumstances it is requested that you immediately advise the Bureau as to the exact nature of the surveillances which have been conducted by your Division in connection with this matter and the degree of discretion which has been exercised in this important matter.

Also in this connection, reference is made to the report of Special Agent [redacted] dated November 7, 1946, at New York in the case captioned "Benjamin 'Bugs' Siegel; Miscellaneous - Information Concerning; Crime Survey". Page 2 of this report reflects that Agents of the New York Division were assigned to conduct the surveillance of Benjamin "Bugs" Siegel beginning with his arrival at the Laguardia Field airport at 9:15 AM on October 5, 1946. Notwithstanding the fact that he apparently arrived as scheduled the report indicates that Siegel was not observed at the airport. Subsequently, it was ascertained that he had registered at the Roosevelt Hotel in New York City at 11 AM on October 5, 1946.

The Bureau is extremely concerned in view of the fact that the surveillance of Siegel was not properly handled. You should also submit a complete explanation regarding the failure of Agents to properly identify and surveil Siegel on this occasion.

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At 3:30 P.M., November 15, 1946, the technical surveillance was discontinued in accordance with Bureau instructions.

Copies of the summaries furnished by the informant are hereto attached.

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BENJAMIN BUGS SIEGEL, MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION, CONCERNING
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United States Department of Justice
Los Angeles 13, California
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Re: BENJAMIN "BUB" SIEGEL, was.
MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING
CRIME SURVEY

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ON 1-2-85

Dear Sir:

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I wish to recommend to the Bureau that authority be granted Salt Lake City Office to install a T-M Surveillance at the Hotel in the quarters occupied by SIEGEL and VIRGINIA HILL. I am writing this letter in further support of my telephone request to the Bureau on November 18, 1946 when I requested that the Bureau reconsider the request for this surveillance. Some of the reasons why I believe this surveillance is pertinent at the present moment are as follows:

Re: [REDACTED]

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Re: BENJAMIN "BUGS" SIEGEL, w.as.

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Furthermore, it would be of interest to the Bureau to know more concerning SIEGEL's relationships with VIRGINIA HILL as the Bureau has been advised that we now have information [REDACTED]

This information would be of assistance in trying to make a Federal case perhaps even on income tax matters against VIRGINIA HILL if such were deemed expedient at some future date.

In addition to a technical surveillance at the hotel, it is recommended that Salt Lake City request the Bureau and that the Bureau give consideration to a technical on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and undoubtedly carries out other assignments for SIEGEL which might be determined through a technical surveillance.

Furthermore as soon as the Transamerica News Service gets established in Las Vegas it is recommended that technicals be installed in view of past experience that SIEGEL spends considerable time at such an office as illustrated by the telephone calls he used to make from the Las Vegas Turf Club and it is apparent that he would make many of his illegal arrangements through the services of such an office.

I feel strongly that eventually the evidence will be found concerning a violation of the law which can be proved against SIEGEL and that it would be well worthwhile for the Bureau to be abreast of all of SIEGEL's activities, as knowing what he does keeps the Bureau in touch with hoodlum activities generally. I feel that if we are to get a full picture of his connections and activities, we must have full coverage not only in Los Angeles but in Las Vegas and, therefore, it is recommended that the Bureau grant the Salt Lake City authority to install those surveillances the Salt Lake City office feels necessary to give us full coverage on this man's activities.

Very truly yours,

R. B. HOOD
SAC

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AIR MAIL

cc: Salt Lake City

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

DECEMBER 12, 1946

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BENJAMIN "BEN" STOKEL, NINE, INFORMATION CONCERNING, CRIME SURVEY.
SUBJECT STOKEL IN POSSESSION OF SMITH AND WESSON THIRTY EIGHT GALLER
SMITH WESSON REVOLVER, SERIAL NUMBER FOUR THREE NINE ONE. MAKE IMMEDIATE
CONTACT WITH SMITH AND WESSON MANUFACTURERS, SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS,
FOR FULL INFORMATION CONCERNING SALE OF INSTANT GUN. BUTEL SALT LAKE
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